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AB The invention relates to oligomers of a dimer, trimer, quatromer or pentamer of recombinant fusion proteins. Said oligomers are characterized

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in that the recombinant fusion proteins have at least one component A and at least one component B, whereby component A contains a protein or a protein segment with a biol. function, in particular with a ligand function for antibodies, for sol. or membranous signal mols., for receptors or an antibody, or an antibody segment, and component B

a protein or a protein segment which dimerizes or oligomerizes the dimer, trimer, quatromer or pentamer of the recombinant fusion protein, without the action of third-party mols. The invention also relates to the use of dimers or oligomers of this type for producing a medicament, to the fusion

proteins which cluster in dimers or oligomers and to their DNA sequence and expression vectors or host cells comprising this DNA sequence. Thus, component A may be Fas ligand, TRAIL, tumor necrosis factor .alpha., or CD40L while component B may be an ACRP30 or cytokine EDA domain. Fusion proteins contg. the above components were prepd. and tested for

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A method for constructing stable bioactive fusion proteins of the difficult to express tumor necrosis factor superfamily (TNFSF), and particularly members CD40L (CD154) and RANKL /TRANCE, with collectins, particularly pulmonary surfactant protein D (SPD) is described. Single trimers of these proteins lack the full stimulatory efficacy of the natural membrane forms of these proteins in many cases. The multimeric nature of these sol. fusion proteins enables them to engage multiple receptors on the responding cells, thereby, mimicking the effects of the membrane forms of these ligands. For CD40L-SPD, the resulting protein

stimulates B cells, macrophages, and dendritic cells, indicating its

potential usefulness as a vaccine adjuvant. The large size of these fusion proteins makes them less likely to diffuse into the circulation, thereby limiting their potential systemic toxicity. This property may be esp. useful when these proteins are injected locally as a vaccine adjuvant

or tumor immunotherapy agent to prevent them from diffusing away. In addn., these and other TNFSF-collecting fusion proteins present new possibilities for the expression of highly active, multimeric, sol. TNFSF members.

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